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SUBJECT: ARMS CACHE FOUND IN BALUCHISTAN

REF: KARACHI 0940

1. GOP HAS IDENTIFIED SOME OF THE ARMS SEIZED MAY 19  
AT MASTUNG AS OF CZECH MANUFACTURE WHICH ALSO BEAR  
PERSIAN INSCRIPTIONS INDICATING "AFGHAN OWNERSHIP."  
MFA DIRECTOR (AFGHANISTAN) GHORI MAY 23 REPEATED TO  
EMBOFF CHARGES APPEARING IN THAT DAY'S PRESS OF AGFHAN  
HAND IN AFFAIR. ACCOUNTS ALLEGE THAT THE 20 LIGHT  
MACHINE GUNS (LMG) ARE CZECH B-30 MODEL (US ARMY WEAPONS  
IDENTIFICATION MANUAL LISTS A CZECH ZB-30) AND THAT THE  
TWO INCH MORTAR ALSO A CZECH MODEL. PAK TIMES ACCOUNT  
STATES THAT AFGHAN MARKINGS IN PERSIAN ON LMGS "ES-  
TABLISHES THEIR AFGHAN OWNERSHIP BEYOND ANY DOUBT" AND  
THAT TRAINING LITERATURE FOUND WAS "100 PAGE MANUAL  
PUBLISHED BY AFGHAN MINISTRY OF WAR (WIZARAT-I-HARBIA)."  
GHORI STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF LATTER IN TRACING AFGHAN  
CONNECTION BUT HAD NO DETAILS OF PLACES OF ORIGIN OF  
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EITHER 65 MORTAR ROUNDS NOR OF THE TINNED ARMY RATIONS

OF WHICH "SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT" REPORTEDLY SEIZED.

2. ACCORDING TO PPI PRESS ACCOUNT WHICH RAN IN MOST MAJOR PAPERS MAY 23, MORE THAN THIRTY PERSONS, INCLUDING SOME WHO WERE STANDING GUARD AT CACHE SITE, HAVE BEEN DETAINED. MOST REPORTEDLY WERE ON AUTHORITIES "WANTED LIST." ALSO, ADDITIONAL ARMS (85 HAND GRENADES, 2,700 ROUNDS OF 303 CALIBER AMMUNITION) HAVE BEEN UNCOVERED IN MASTUNG AREA, AS WELL AS "NATI AIRCRAFT SIGHTS" FOR THE LMGS.

3. GHORI WOULD NOT VENTURE TO SPECULATE ON JUST HOW THE ARMS ENTERED BALUCHISTAN OR AS TO DEGREE OF AFGHAN INVOLVEMENT BUT DID CHARGE THAT AJMAL KHATTAK WORKING WITH LOCAL MAP ELEMENTS WAS DOUBTLESS SERVING AS AN INTERMEDIARY. PAK ARMY, GHORI ASSERTED, BELIEVES WELL OILED CONDITION OF ARMS INDICATES THAT THEY RECENTLY SMUGGLED IN.

4. DESPITE "BLATANT AFGHAN INTERFERENCE" IN PAK AFFAIRS "WHICH IS NOW WELL DOCUMENTED," GHORI STATED, GOP DOES NOT PLAN TO MAKE FORMAL PROTEST OVER MATTER. ONLY OFFICIAL PUBLIC CHARGE OF AFGHAN INVOLVEMENT TO DATE WAS MADE BY BALUCHISTAN CHIEF MINISTER JAM GHULAM QADIR KHAN WHO TOLD PRESS CONFERENCE THAT PRELIMINARY EVIDENCE REVEALED THAT AFGHANISTAN HAD A HAND IN SMUGGLING IN THE ARMS TO CARRY OUT SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES.

5. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING ANY COMMENTS AND INFORMATION WHICH KABUL OR DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO OFFER, INCLUDING WHETHER OR NOT AFGHAN ARMY HOLDS ANY CZECH MODEL LMGS OR MORTARS (WE UNDERSTAND THAT CZECHS ESTABLISHED A SMALL ARMS FACTORY IN KABUL IN 1967) AND WHETHER ANY AFGHAN ARMY WEAPONS BEAR INSCRIPTIONS IN PERSIAN LANGUAGE?  
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